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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 1875.

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港香

PRICE \$2½ PER MONTH

## Arrivals.

February 9, CHINCHING, British str., 798, James Hogg, Shanghai 5th January, General-SIEMSEN & Co.

February 9, BEN LEID, British steamer, 999, Buchanan, London 13th December, Penang 23rd January, and Singapore 30th, General-GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

February 9, MOSSON, British bark, 232, G. Hunter, Keelung 5th February, Coles, ROZATO & Co.

February 9, NAMO, British str., 863, G. T. Westoby, Saigon 4th February, General-D. LAPRAIK & Co.

## Departures.

February 9, RAJAH, str., for Swatow.

February 9, SAPINDA, str., for Singapore and London.

February 9, CHINCHING, str., for Canton.

February 9, DAVINA, for Bangkok.

February 9, JOHN MILTON, for New York.

## Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, FEBRUARY 8TH.

Rejia, str., for Swatow.

Li Pata, for Tainan.

Hector, str., for Shanghai.

Sarpedon, str., for Singapore and London.

Fu-yen, str., for Amoy, &c.

## Passengers.

ARRIVED.

Per Chinkiang, str., from Shanghai:—1 European and 13 Chinese.

Per Ben Leid, str., from London, &c.—Mr. Paterson, and 5 Chinese deck.

Per Moison, for Keelung:—Mr. Fisher.

Per Namoo, str., from Saigon.—8 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Sarpedon, str., for Singapore, &c.—Rev. Mr. and Mrs. John Preston and son, Miss Powell, Capt. Ramsey, Messrs. Harris, Belcher, Johnson, and 1 distressed seaman.

TO DEPART.

Per Rajah, str., for Swatow:—280 Chinese.

Per Hector, str., for Shanghai:—4 Cabins.

Per Fu-yen, str., for Amoy, &c.—100 Chinese.

## Reports.

The British steamship Chinkiang reports left Shanghai on 5th February, and had moderate N.E. monsoon throughout.

The British steamship Ben Leid reports left London on 15th December, Penang on 26th January, and Singapore on the 30th, when a strong gale got up and a heavy sea. On the 7th had more moderate weather, and continued fine to arrival.

The British steamship Moison reports left Saigon on 4th February. Had moderate monsoons and fine weather throughout. Off Cape St. James, passed the steamship Corrievreckan, on the 5th passed a steamer, name unknown, bound South. In Saigon left steamships Japan and Asia loading for Hongkong, and steamships Araratian, Aegean and Samara loading for Java.

Vessels Expected at Hongkong.  
(Corrected to Date.)

Kept's Name	From	Date
Ivinchobla	London	Sept. 8
Pede & Speranza	Swansea	Sept. 14
Hanso	Cardiff	Sept. 15
Bonita	Cardiff	Sept. 18
Varina	Hamburg	Sept. 19
Life Brigade (6)	Shields	Sept. 20
Bluebird	Southampton	Sept. 21
Frederick	London	Sept. 22
Livington	Kiel	Sept. 23
Green Jacks	Pembroke	Sept. 24
M. Washington	Boston	Sept. 24
McNear	Newcastle	Sept. 26
Castria	Shefieds	Sept. 28
Eleanor	London	Nov. 4
Pape	Hamburg	Nov. 5
Azores	Tagedoff	Nov. 6
Anna Dorothea	Swansea	Nov. 6
Devonshire	Cardiff	Nov. 11
Osaka	London	Nov. 12
Sophie	London	Nov. 13
Pacama	Cardiff	Nov. 18
Geylon	Glasgow	Nov. 20
Hilberina	Glasgow	Nov. 21
Alma	Liverpool	Nov. 22
Eliza	Southampton	Nov. 23
Libations	Cardiff	Nov. 24
Min (8)	London	Nov. 25
Harwich	Swansea	Nov. 26
George	Bromborough	Dec. 1
Livingstone	Cardiff	Dec. 2
Ophorn	Swansea	Dec. 3
Sophie	Antwerp	Dec. 4
Ernest (4)	Orchard	Dec. 5
Min (4)	London	Dec. 6
Swatow (4)	London	Dec. 7
Glamis Castle (London)	Dec. 23	

## Auction Sales To-day.

None.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

ON AND AFTER MARCH 1st, 1875, the Dates of SAILING of the Company's Steamers from HONGKONG for SAN FRANCISCO, via YOKOHAMA, will be the FIRST and FIFTEENTH of each Month, until further notice.

When these Dates fall on SUNDAY, the Day of Sailing will be the PRECEDING SATURDAY.

G. R. EMORY  
Acting Agent  
244 141 Hongkong, 23rd January, 1875.

TO WING.

THE Steam-Tug LITTLE ORPHAN is available for TOWING at Reasonable Rates. Apply on Board, or to BOSTON JACK & CO., Anchorage of Pudding's Wharf, 32 Hongkong, 18th January, 1875.

NOTICE TO SHIP MASTERS.

OPIUM AND SPIRITS FARMS IN OCHIN-CHINA.

In Pursuance of the Ordinances enacted by the Governor, Intimation is hereby given that Ship Masters have to make known at the Harbour-master's and Farmers' Offices, on their arrival in Saigon, any quantity of Opium or Spirits of any kind which may have been shipped on board of their Vessels, failing which they are liable to the Penalties specified therein. (Ord. 5, Oct., 1871, Art. II, XVI, XVII.)

THE undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept bids against Fire of current rates, subject to a bonus of 20 per cent. SIEMSEN & CO., Agents, 189 Hongkong, 10th November, 1872.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at Port, are prepared to bid against Fire for the amount of \$4,000 on Buildings or Goods stored therein.

Douglas La Praik & Co., Agents, 617 Hongkong, 9th November, 1869.

## Banks.

THE CREDIT BANK, LIMITED.  
THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA supplies CHEQUE Books of the CHEQUE BANK, LIMITED, on payment of the necessary amount.

By Order, S. J. NICOLLS,  
Secretary, 140 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID UP CAPITAL...\$5,000,000 of Dollars.

RESERVE FUND...\$75,000 of Dollars.

Court of Directors:

Chairman—W. H. FORBES, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—AD. ANDRE, Esq.

E. B. BEATTIE, Esq.

J. F. COOK, Esq.

R. D. SMITH, Esq.

Chief Manager,

Hongkong—James Greig, Esq.

Manager—Ewan Cameron, Esq.

London Bankers—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

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6 " " "

12 " " "

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NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary

Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 18th instant, at Two o'clock P.M., under the Chairmanship of the President of the Board of Directors, together with a Statement of Account to 31st December, 1874.

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THE Premises known as THE WOODLANDS, newly painted and in Good Order.

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1875.

## The Daily Press

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 10TH, 1875.

The question as to the succession in China is at length set at rest. In the decree of January 12th, published in the "Peking Gazette," the following passage disposes of the matter:—"Let Tzai Tsin, the son of Yen Hwan, Prince Chia-chun, be adopted as His Majesty the Emperor; Wen Tsun Hien, and enter upon the inheritance of the great dynastic line, as Emperor by succession." The successor of Tung-chu, who will reign under the style or title of KWANG-SU, (or Continuation of Glory) is a child of between three and four years of age. Another and longer regency must therefore ensue, and the reins of Government have once more fallen into the hands of the Empress-Dowager. The selection of this boy was no doubt owing to the influence of the Empress-mother, who is a sister of Prince Chia-chun, and consequently aims by blood, as well as marriage, to the young Emperor. The claims of the grandsons of Prince Tzu and Prince Kung have been set aside in favour of a child, whose possession of the dignity will confer power and dignity on two old, but ambitious women. The father of the Emperor is reported to be a fool to progress, an enemy to foreigners, and an adherent of the foolish and exacerbating policy which attempts to effect their exclusion from China. Furthermore he is said by the Shanghai Evening Courier to entertain a personal antipathy to the French, and to "have been no stranger to the agitation which, not long after his well-known encounter with the Count de Rotheschouart, spread over a large portion of China, and in 1870 culminated in the massacre of Tientsin." His position as President of the Military Council will undoubtedly give him great influence at court, which there is too good reason to believe, from his antecedents and known opinions, will be exerted in a direction hostile to foreigners.

Altogether there is not much ground for hope of improvement from the new order of things. The old policy will be followed, though it may be carried out more boldly, and there is small chance of any concession being extorted from the Ministers who will in future guide the affairs of the Empire. The one idea at present prevailing among Chinese functionaries seems to be the possibility of forcing out the "Barbarians," and as we are more pacific and less assertive, their arrogance grows stronger and more demonstrative. But they are very much mistaken if they suppose the foreigners will allow themselves to be driven out of China. They intend to remain, and they hope, in time, to be able to carry on trade with the interior of the country, without hindrance and various restrictions. We are perfectly well aware that in the far north of the Empire there exists a good market for English woolen goods, but at present it is practically closed to us. Foreigners have got a footing on the coast, but the vast interior of China is for the most part still a sealed book to them, and is likely to remain so long as the existing régime continues. Little improvement can be expected from the

Manchu dynasty; under its baneful sway the Chinese have retrograded rather than advanced, and they are held in such thrall by ignorant, stupid, and corrupt officials that the majority seem to have lost the will as well as the power to think for themselves. The hope of China lies in the contumacious foreigners, though the natives know it not. Their imbecile Government, wrapped in prejudice and really indifferent to the well-being of its myriad subjects, is careful for nothing save the collection of the revenue and the exclusion of foreign influence and customs. Only in the event of a rupture among the members of the royal family and the Ministry is there any chance of a change of policy being inaugurated. And the long Regency which has just commenced may possibly bring about one of those quarrels through which more deserving people justify profit. We have no interest in the continuance of Tartar domination over China; a change in the dynasty or form of Government could scarcely prove disadvantageous to foreigners. While, however, foreigners are only spectators, they are deeply interested ones, of any mutations of Government in China.

Two hundred and twenty householders and tenants were summoned yesterday, for firing crackers in the various parts of the city after the hour allowed them by the authorities, and fined \$1 to \$25 each.

We note the departure for England by the Rev. Mr. John Preston, of Canton, who is the son of James Preston, who was one of the missionaries belonging to the Wesleyan Society, has been in China for upwards of twenty years, and we understand that he does not intend to return again to the East.

The adjourned case, in which application was made by the Revs. A. B. Hutchinson and R. Leitcher for the re-opening of the charge brought against the two men punished for throwing stones at European constable No. 13, was again resumed, and after further evidence, the first prisoner was told that as the Rev. A. B. Hutchinson gave a very poor alibi, he had to pay a fine of \$100, or 12 days' imprisonment. The second prisoner's punishment would stand as before, namely, two months' hard labour.

The cases in the Summary Court, yesterday, were of minor importance, and were all dismissed, except one, in which Mr. Justice Snowden gave judgment in the case of Low-ling-cheng v. T. A. Liger, \$52. His Lordship stated that he had visited the locality which had been drained by plaintiff, and found that the work had not been satisfactorily performed. Under these circumstances he non-suited plaintiff. Mr. H. L. Denney, who appeared for plaintiff, applied for leave to have the case reheard, which was granted.

### L A T E T E L E G R A M S .

#### REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."

London, 6th February, 1875.

There was a Battle at Olerga yesterday, when the Carlists were defeated; General Pamplona with reinforcements was advancing victoriously.

London, 6th February, 1875.

The Royalists are still advancing on the Carlists, who have been outflanked, and are now retreating.

London, 6th February, 1875.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

Parliament was opened by Royal Commission on the 5th instant.

In Her Majesty's Speech the Queen said that she continued to receive assurance of friendship from all the Powers, and she trusted that peace would remain unbroken.

The Brussels Conference is now productive of any practical result, and considering the great importance of the principles involved, and the widely divergent views expressed, any immediate adjustment of the questions under consideration seemed improbable. She had therefore declined proposals for further negotiations at present.

The past year had been a prosperous one, and the progress of our Colonial Empire had been satisfactory.

Bills had been prepared, and would be submitted during the session, relative to:—

The High Court of Jurisdiction.

The Improvement of Workmen's Dwellings.

Amendment of the Sanitary Laws.

Friendly Societies.

Merchant Shipping Amendment.

Better Security against Personal Violence; and

The Establishment of Public Prosecutors.

Hongkong, 9th February, 1875.

#### POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

9th February.

BEFORE JAMES RINSELL, ESQ.

A DRUNK AND INCAPABLE.

John Craighton, a seaman on board the O. S. S. Company's steamship "Surplice," was charged by P. G. Tadler, No. 23 with being drunk and incapable.

He stated the ship would have his bill if he did not pay it, and he had been unable to pay it, although unable to pay his fine.

DISHONEST SHIPMATES.

Lee Ayee, a brass smith, charged another named Wong Atai, and an apprentice, named Leng Akuu, with stealing a quilt from him valued \$20.

Witness said he was brass smith employed in the Royal Cloth Shop, and that he was discharged from his employer.

He was sent to the Royal Cloth Shop, and remained there a long time unoccupied. During the same month the Minister Plenipotentiary Yung-waiai Sakimura was despatched to China, and in August, the High Commissioner Plenipotentiary Okubo Toshimichi also was sent to the said country. Toshimichi and the others worked diligently and devotedly to their duty, and it is intended to reward them for their services.

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A CELEBRATED COOK.

A very remarkable character has died suddenly at Paris—Sophie, the cook whose

death excited so much interest in France.

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which for size dwarf even the British Residency. One is the house of Nasar bin Said, the Prime Minister of his Highness; the other is inhabited by the Sultan's Highness. Beyond these large buildings are many more. The compact line of solid buildings is continued by a series of smaller houses with tiled roofs. This is the Melinde quarter, a place devoted to the sale of fish, fruit, &c., to which new European arrivals are banished to seek residences among the few stone houses to be found there. Past Melinde is the shallow Malagash inlet; the cause—may say the man, perhaps the only cause of the unhealthiness of the town of Zanzibar, and beyond, the Malagash inlet lies the Indian Ocean, where the problems of navigation, bearing with tropical plants and trees, sloping gently upward as far as the purpling ridges of Elavan.

Such is Zanzibar and its suburbs to the new arrival, as he attempts to note down his observations from shipboard. Descending the side ladder, he is rowed ashore, and if he has a letter of introduction is welcomed by some "bold specimen of British chivalry," who has been standing on the beach for thirty-five or forty years' standing," or by British official, or by one of those indefatigables who have found their way into Zanzibar, and who patiently bids for the good time that is reported and destined to be coming;

"for I find that Zanzibar, instead of attracting the real merchant, has, since my last visit, changed its European visitors. When I was here before, I met a lively specimen of the gay, dissolute, and debonair, who is now dead, but another fills his place. One can scarcely dare say anything good of Zanzibar, or of any other place, without attracting the wrong class of persons; and as I am on this topic, I may as well specify what class can be honoured peculiarly by immigration to Zanzibar. To an enterprising man of capital Zanzibar, and the native sea-line of the Slave Coast, looks like a golden mine. A man with a capital of £20,000 gets soon making up to £20,000 out of it, but not by bringing his money and his time and health to compete with great rich mercantile houses of many years' standing and experience, and settling at Zanzibar, vainly attempting to obtain the custom of the natives, who are perfectly content with their time-honored white friends, whom the most costly services are rendered to, and who attract his capital, his wives, and his industry. The new arrival must do precisely what the old merchants did when they commenced business. He must go where there is rivalry, no competition, if he expects to have a large business and quick returns for his money. He must bring his river steamer of light draught, and penetrate the interior by the Rupi, the Pangani, and the Nungwi, and purchase the native produce at his cost, and rapidly build large granular houses at Zanzibar, and ship home. The cargo of the Rupi plain, accessible, as I know by experience, to a light-draught steamer, is now carried on the shoulders of natives to Dar Salam and Mombasa, to be sold to the Bawians, who re-sell it to Zanzibar, and there resell to the European merchant. The story of Umanyawazi is brought down along the Shire River, and is carried in a light-draught steamer by the Wanji. The ivory trade of Mombasa, and the regions north, is carried down through a portion of the Pangani Valley, and the Pangani for a short distance is also navigable, and furnishes a means of embarking the white mercantile to overtake his more settled white brethren at Zanzibar. The Jub river, next to the Zanzibar, is the largest river on the East Coast of Africa, and it is navigable for a short distance, and carries a quantity of ivory and hides. Why should not the white merchant attempt to open legitimate trade in the same articles by means of the river? When John Petman, of Salem, Massachusetts, came to Zanzibar, some forty years ago, there was not a single European house here. He was an officer of a whaling vessel, and when he first arrived, he received the charges from Zanzibar, and obtained a sufficient number of his agent's letters. The business which the young whale started continued to thrive. A Agent succeeded agent, as each man went home after a few years' stay in Zanzibar, to enjoy the fruit of his labours. Boys sent out to learn the business became responsible clerks, then bad agents, and subsequently opulent merchants, and so on from year to year, until John Petman had a fortune of £6,000, and a ship of his own, and with just pride in his own success, and no loss of his original character, he was sent to the East Indies, and was highly engaged, assisted by his advice, and enriched. The moral of all this, is that John Petman, of Salem, did not Zanzibar can be done by any large-minded, enterprising Englishmen or Americans on the mainland of Africa. Nay, nor there is a larger field on the mainland, and as he can profit by the example of Petman, he can work.

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## EXTRACTS.

THIS LAST OF SIR ROGER.

There comes a message from the sea,  
To tell how Roger Tickborn's die,  
Who, by his waste of early years,  
Taught torturers' hopes to outweigh fears—  
Far in the South Pacific died.  
And along the lonely wave beside,  
It may be false, it may be true,  
It comes but a trifling sum,  
But the world's aortal dagger,  
Whose vapourous wreath "Just like Roger"  
Had never found knaves, or misled fools,  
Onslow and Whalley made his tools,  
But for the fact that Roger won't  
Aways more than dexterously.  
Died of a broken heart and home,  
In wild, unsheltered lands to roam,  
Went Heaven knew what, Heaven knows why,  
To seek far wilderness to die.

The is the lesson of the case:  
Young men of our strong English race,  
Destined to hold ancestral land,  
Rule youmself, as your command;  
To seek no rude and weary way,  
Of polish by excess made dreary,  
From too luxuriant life's routine;  
Seek Himalayan change of scene;  
Turn from the tints of Hindoo land,  
Or the green of the far-off seas,  
For dull battle and tedious drive  
Seek looks to sleep apart,  
And try if bacon can restore  
A warmth that forces dry no more;

No such high-spirited champion girl,  
As Dick's own fiery-haired, champion girl,  
Would you or will cold shoulder freeze  
Such squat at the Antipodes.

Novice oblige; this lesson take,  
Ye gilded youth, England's sake;  
All time ill-spent revenge will wreak;

In life's stern law, they pay that break;

In person papers you may pay, but—  
Sometimes Sir Roger broods the Clement.

—Funch.

## THE MOTHER.

It has been truly said that the first being that rushed to the recollection of a soldier or a sailor in his heart's difficulty, is his mother. She clings to his memory and affection in the midst of all the forcefulness and hardness induced by a roving life. The lost message he leaves is for her; his last whisper breathes her name. The mother, as she insinuates the lesson of piety and filial obligation into the heart of her infant son, should always feel that her labour is not in vain. She may drop into the grave; but she has left behind her influence that will work for her. The bow is broken, but the arrow is sped, and will do its office.

## SOCIAL MISADVENTURES.

The majority of men have an exceeding dislike to appearing ridiculous, never having appreciated the full comedy of life, and that it must either be treated as comedy or tragedy, or perhaps, as a nice admixture of both. To bring the foregoing remarks home to our present subject, when any of those ludicrous little mishaps occur which are described in witty works of fiction, or in comic periodicals, how painful they are to the principal actors in the scene, and how little he likes to hear of them again. When a young man enters a ball-room with his trousers tucked up, when a grave, wise man, like Pickwick, enters the wrong bedroom; when, as I once saw myself, a middle-aged lady comes down to breakfast having some stray locks still in the confinement of curl-papers, these unfortunate people by no means like to be reminded of their misadventures. There is really no fun only cruelty, in reminding them of their heedlessness; and, indeed, it becomes a kind of torture, if this is repeated ad nauseam. That great artist, Dickens, took care that none of Mr. Pickwick's companions owing him respect, should venture to allude to that deplorable and shocking incident in good Mr. Pickwick's adventures. And this present writer would not dare to allude to the misfortune of that respectable middle-aged lady who, in absence of mind, had forgotten to release some of her locks from their mighty imprisonment, if she had not long ago passed away from this troublesome world. As, however, I have before intimated, it is the young who most feel having on any occasion made themselves absurd or ridiculous. The middle-aged man, unless he is a most fortunate individual, has gone through so much trouble, that these minor misfortunes of his youth are food for laughter for him as well as other people. Not always, though. A man in "the core and yellow leaf" of life has confessed to me that he feels hot all over, and knows that the colour is mounting to his face, when he remembers some of the most ludicrous adventures of a trivial kind in his early life. The sensitive, alas! are always sensitive; and even old age fails to baffle them.—Social Pressure. By the Author of "Friends in Council."

## BY LAKE MENZALEH IN EGYPT.

We turned from the false mirage to gaze on the true lake, whose calm, gleaming waters lay out-stretched far as the eye could reach, a wondrous mirror reflecting sky and clouds, all glowing in the early morning light. The whole surface of the lake was dotted with flocks of myriad wild-fowl of every sort and kind; thousands of dark-plumaged ducks, literally covering acres of water; and great bands of snowy gulls, of dazzling whiteness, with here and there a group of large white pelicans, looking in the distance like swans, till we discerned their huge beaks. In contrast with these somewhat ungainly fowls were the flocks of graceful white-tails, a small and most elegant crane. But the chief feature in the bird-life of Lake Menzaleh is the incalculable multitude of delicate pink-plumaged flamingoes, standing motionless in endless lines, or stalking solemnly along in regular order, or long legs, till startled by something to us invisible, one regiments or another tool wing, still preserving their regular line, and revealing in their flight the pink flush of their pinions, with rich, warm colouring of the underside. In whatever direction we turned, as far as the extreme horizon, we saw the same long lines of delicate white and pink reflected in the still water, and we knew that they represented hundreds of the same beautiful cranes, patiently fishing.

—The presence revealing, at the same time, something of the multitude of fish which found their home in those calm, shallow waters. All this strange bird-life congregates in families, never mixing; the flocks of white ibis, dark wild-duck, or pink flamingoes, each distinct, as though they had legally divided their fishing-ground, and had no intention of poaching. On the far horizon, still preserving their regular line, and revealing in their flight the pink flush of their pinions, with rich, warm colouring of the underside. In whatever direction we turned, as far as the extreme horizon, we saw the same long lines of delicate white and pink reflected in the still water, and we knew that they represented hundreds of the same beautiful cranes, patiently fishing.

—The talk of how they got to the shore, and how they were crowded upon some other occasion, made a topic till the curtain drew up. People go too often, now-a-days, to make their ingress or egress of consequence. Children of seven years of age will talk familiarly of the performers, and, as though implicitly (according to the received opinion), as grown persons—more than the grown persons in my time. Oh, when shall I forget the day seeing a play at the age of five or six? It was Arterley. Who played or who sang in it, I know not. Such low ideas as actors' names, or actors' merits, never entered my head. The mystery of delight was not cut open and dissipate for me by those who took me there. It was Arterley and Artaces and Mandane that I saw not. Mr. Beard or Mr. Leon or Mrs. Kendal. It was all enchantment and a dream. No such pleasure has since visited me, but in dreams. I was in Persia for the time; and the burning heat of those few days, the sun almost converted into a workshop. I was a wretched wretch, and believed those signatures to be something more than elemental fire. I was, with Urdu, the body of the sun. What could I have gained by knowing (as I should have done, had I been born forty years later) that the representation was in mere painted scenes, that the neither fire nor light in itself, and that the royal phantom, which passed in review before me, were but such common spectres as I could see every day out of my father's window? We might the faculty of delighting in wonder in children by explaining every thing. We take them to the source of the Nile, to show them the scanty rannings instead of letting the imagination of that adventurous stream remain in perpetual darkness—a mysterious question of wonder and delight to ages.—Charles Lamb.

## YEARS AND YEARS.

How long the years seem when we are young! To wait a year, "a whole year," for anything, appears to fifteen like an interminable probation. Looking back when one is fifty, a lifetime seems hardly longer than a twelvemonth seemed in youth. As we grow older, the years between us and the "great unknown future" are so few that we can almost see their moments slipping away from us as the sand drops in an hour-glass. Children have no idea of economising time. Time and eternity look to them all as one—there is plenty of space in which to fly kites and dress dolls.

## PLAY-HOUSE MEMORANDA.

I once sat in the pit of Drury Lane Theatre next to a blind man, who, I afterwards learned, was a street-musician, well-known about London. The play was Richard the Third, and it was curious to observe the interest which he took in every successive scene, as far more lively than could be perceived in any of the company around him. At those pathetic interviews between the Queen and Duchess of York, after the murder of the children, his eyes (or, rather, the places where eyes should have been) glistered, out-tear in torments, and his face, enhanced in attention, while every one about him was tittering partly at him, and partly at the grotesque figures and wretched notion of the women who had been selected by managerial taste to personate those royal mourners. Having no drawback of sight to impair his sensibilities, he simply allowed his imagination to play upon him, and received its unphilosophical impression.

So much the rather his celestial light shone inward. I was pleased with an observation which I made, when I asked him how he liked Rumble, who played Richard. "I should have thought," said he, "that that should have been the best part of the book, that had me reading out to them that night." At length the expected actor arrived, who happened to be in possession of a very insignificant part, not much above a mule. I saw their faint attempt at raising a laugh on his appearance, and their disappointment at not being seconded by the audience in general.

I was once interested in a different way, by a knot of nursery-peeps who had come to see a play at that same theatre. Their seemed perfectly unadaptive to all the best performers, for the first act or two, though the piece was admirably played, but kept going in the play-bill, and were evidently watching for the appearance of one who would be the source of supreme delight to them that night. At length the expected actor arrived, who happened to be in possession of a very insignificant part, not much above a mule. I saw their faint attempt at raising a laugh on his appearance, and their disappointment at not being seconded by the audience in general.

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THE BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

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At 576 Hongkong, 4th June, 1874.

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Abiding month, 1